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MARSHALL PLAN PASSES SENATE

Overwhelming Vote At A Midnight Session

Dramatic End To Eleven Hours Of Debate

Washington, Mar. 14.—The Senate today approved the first US\$5,300,000,000 authority for the history-making European Recovery Plan early today by a resounding 69-17 roll call vote.

Voting began at two minutes before midnight on Saturday night before galleries jammed with spectators. The result was announced at seven minutes past midnight after a careful double check of the vote.

The action, which sent the measure to the House, came after a dramatic night session after more than 11 hours of debate.

Advocates said that it offered the best chance of saving 16 Western European countries from Communism.

Opponents attacked the measure as a costly outlay which might undermine American economy and permit Russia to shove its iron curtain to the shores of the Atlantic.

With galleries packed to capacity, a score of Senators took the floor to praise or condemn the 52-month programme for helping friendly nations help themselves.

The measure, which authorizes funds for the first year's operation from April 1, faces new assaults in the House. Passage there is expected. But strong efforts may be made to reduce the dollar outlay and to add other foreign aid funds to the bill.

The authorisation measure left the Senate without substantial change from the form in which it was introduced by Chairman Vandenberg of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Senator Connally, the ranking Democratic member of that Committee.

Amendments Rejected.

Time after time, Vandenberg took the floor to call for the rejection of amendments which would have effected major changes in the bill. On each occasion he mustered sufficient votes from both sides of the aisle to win handily.

The bill faced its biggest test on Friday night when Senator Robert Taft offered an amendment to reduce the 12-month authorization to US\$4,000,000,000. This was defeated 55 to 31.

Vandenberg steered the bill over two more formidable hurdles on Saturday.

One would have established a new veto proof international agency by nations pledged to resort to armed force to beat off "aggression" and "subversion." The other would have established a world reconstruction finance corporation.

In going to the House, the Senate measure clashes with a single "package" foreign relief plan worked out by Republican leaders.

Danny Kaye Scores London Triumph

London, Mar. 14.—The "Kid from Brooklyn" left for Paris today with the applause of 250,000 Britons ringing in his ears.

Tousled-haired Danny Kaye's six weeks stand on the London Palladium made history, and even the theatre charwoman shed non-theatrical tears after he gave his final performance last night.

Never in "living memory," as the "Sunday Express" put it, has London taken such aliking to a variety hall star. For six solid weeks Kaye played to a house packed from gallery to standing room in the orchestra pit and hundreds were turned away from each performance.

Kaye capped his two weeks' extension of his originally scheduled one-month booking with an extra long show which he concluded by leading the audience with "Auld Lang Syne" while he shook hands all round the orchestra pit.

Afterwards, he was mobbed by fans who had to be held back by police.

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EX-EMPEROR BAO DAI RETURNS TO H.K.

To Leave For New Negotiations Soon

Ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam arrived in Hong Kong by plane from Bangkok yesterday to carry on negotiations with the French "to realize the aspirations of the people of Indo-China for independence and national unity."

Petrol Shortage

Salt Lake City, Mar. 12. H. D. Collier, chairman of the board of directors of Standard Oil Co. of California, said today the outbreak of another war would cause a petroleum shortage in the United States much more serious than during the last war.

He said present oil consumption is at an all time peak and new hostilities would reopen military demands, forcing far more drastic civilian restrictions than during the war. He said Standard will be forced to import oil from Venezuela to California by 1950. —United Press.

Officials of various parties and unions of Viet Nam, the French Consul-General and Mr. C.A. Yolle, attaché to the French High Commissioner, were at Kai Tak to welcome the "only legitimate trustee of sovereign power in Viet Nam."

Among those present were: Le Van Honth, ex-president of the Cochinchina Government; Nghiem Van Try, delegate of South Annam; Tran Quang Vinh, Commander-in-chief of the Viet Nam Armed Forces, Ngo Dinh Diem, premier of Annam, representing the Popular Movement in Central Indo-China; Dr. Tran Van Que, delegate of South Annam, Nguyen Hoan Binh, ex-secretary of Emperor Bao Dai; Le Van De, representative of the North Indo-China Popular Movement; Phan Van Giao, secretary of Emperor Bao Dai; Dr. Nguyen Van Ti, representative of South Annam; Tran Hinh Dat, president of the Provisional National Assembly, the French Consul General, M. Jóbez, Vice-Consul M. Mabruge, Mr. C.A. Yolle, attaché to French High Commissioner, and Phan Van Binh, General Secretary of the National Rassamblement of North Viet Nam.

Accompanying the emperor were his cousin Prince Vinh Can, Huynh Tien Thinh, Secretary and members of the Household Secretariat.

Leaving Soon

The former emperor, who has recently had talks with the French authorities in France regarding the independence and unification of Indo-China, declined to make any statement.

A Vietnam official, however, said that Bao Dai will "leave for either Saigon or Tonkin to confer with the French High Commissioner Emile Bollaert very soon."

He said that the Empress, who is at present in Cannes, with her children, "will join Bao Dai when he returns to Indo-China."

Interviewed by the "Chin Mall," a French official said that the French High Commissioner "is very glad that the emperor is back and hopes for an early meeting to come to a definite understanding of the present difficulties."

He added that it is expected a conference will be held "very soon" somewhere in Indo-China. He declined to elaborate.

Regarding the whereabouts of Luu Duc Trung, accredited spokesman for Bao Dai and leader of the Viet Nam Popular Movement, who was reported to be leaving the Colony yesterday for an unknown destination, the official said he was not very sure that Luu had left. Luu was reported to be concerned with the forthcoming formal negotiations between Bao Dai and Monsieur Bollaert.

Early Meeting

Paris, Mar. 14. M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, who arrived in Haiphong yesterday on board the French sloop La Grandière, is to leave today for the Bay ofAlong, where he will resume consultations with ex-Emperor Bao Dai on the future of Viet Nam, it is reported here.

The French news agency, Agence France Presse, last night reported that the cruiser Duguay Trouin, on which the two men held their last conference in the Far East, is already in the Bay of Along.

It was thought in Haiphong last night that their next meeting would be held on March 17. —Reuter.

Coming Events

Tokyo, Mar. 14. Officials and employees of the Japanese household numbering 1,022 have formed a labour union with Dr. Saburo Yoshida, director of the ear, nose and throat section of the Household hospital, as chairman of the standing committee.—Reuter.

Coming Events

TOKYO, Mar. 14. Urban Council meeting, G.P.O. Building, 4:15 p.m. Concert by Japan's Huang in aid of S.S. Relief Fund.

Shibuya, Tokyo, Mar. 14. Girls' College, 8:45 p.m.

S. Patriotic Society of Hong Kong, 8:30 p.m. David, The Oxford Hotel, 8:30 p.m.

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Ex-Emperor Bao Dai, with representatives of various parties of Viet Nam, the French Consul and Mr. C. A. Yolle, attaché to the French High Commissioner (extreme left) taken on his arrival in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon by plane from Bangkok. (China Mail photo)

Funeral Of Mrs. McInnes

The Very Rev. Dean Rose conducted the funeral service in the chapel of the Protestant Cemetery yesterday when a very large gathering of friends and colleagues paid their last respects to the late Mrs. Thomas McInnes who died on Saturday after a long illness.

The chief mourners were the husband, Inspector T. McInnes, and Sub-Inspector M. Clark, brother.

Among those present were: A. S. P. Binstead, S. I. McEwan, S. I. Todd, S. I. Ward, S. I. Sergeant, Inspector Scriv, S. I. Chinnings, S. I. Eggleston, S. I. Reddish, S. I. Senior, S. I. Reynolds, S. I. Lowe, Inspector W. N. Darkin, S. I. Appleton, S. I. Woodhead, S. I. Ferrier, S. I. Harris, S. I. Hunter and many others.

Floral tributes were sent by: W. La Bart, Sparrow, Yip Kwon Hing, Wu Chung and Wu Man Har, Lam Wing Kam, Mr. & Mrs. J. Scrim, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Brown, Donald Young, Mr. & Mrs. Young, Tsui Tat, United Delivery Co., Dorle, Mr. & Mrs. R. McEwan, Central Police Station Canteen, F. Foon, Staff, Kowloon Traffic Office, Mr. & Mrs. Reddish, Officers and men Eastern Division, Mr. & Mrs. Binstead and others.

Rev. Mother St. Xavier

Catholic schools and other Catholic bodies turned out on mass to pay their last respects to the late Rev. Mother St. Xavier at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

Bishop H. Valtorta officiated at the chapel and at the grave-side.

Funeral Of Capt. Andrews

The remains of the late Captain W. J. Andrews were laid to rest at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday before a large gathering of friends and associates. The Rev. F. W. Weaver officiated at the Chapel and at the graveside.

The deceased is survived by a wife and a married daughter, both of whom are in Australia.

Among those present were Messrs. A. S. Lewis, G. Gilley, L. Vlassen, F. Shanks, representing St. Patrick Society, L. E. Palme, Mrs. Weaver, Captain W. A. O'Farrel, Captain Wherry, G. T. Lloyd, W. A. Palmer, J. Fraser, W. J. Grant, Mrs. Trott, T. A. Goldenberg, Miss Lily Jane, Miss Mildred da Silva and Miss L. Y. Law.

Floral tributes sent by Captain G. Trott and family; St. Patrick Society of Hong Kong; China Coast Officers and Engineers' Guild; Right Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Lodge of Eastern Scotia No. 923 S.C.; Members of the Sports Club and Officers of the "Kwong Sai."

OBITUARY

London, Mar. 13. Sir Alfred Bowes, 76, former chairman of the Cunard Steamship Company, died today at his home in Liphfield, Surrey. He had been suffering from a heart ailment.

Moscow observers, according to the official dispatches, reported their belief that the shortage was due to difficulty of distribution rather than supply.

The situation in Moscow was made more difficult by the fact that people from outlying regions swarmed into the city in an effort to buy bread.

The bread shortage was linked in the dispatches with the dismissal on Mar. 3 of Minister of Trade Alexander V. Lyubimov. He was replaced by Communist Party leader V. B. Zhavoronkov, who presumably is responsible for trying to solve the bread distribution problem.

Lyubimov's replacement was announced in the Soviet press after widespread press criticism of retail organizations accused of failing to meet consumer needs after rationing ended in December.

Moscow observers reporting to the State Department at that time suggested that the Ministry of Trade shakeup might be connected with shortages of both bread and sugar, which were then believed to exist in the outlying regions around the Soviet capital.

This unusual form of discipline is forcing many Australian soldiers in Japan to "marry" Japanese girls, according to Shintu Itch and is causing a serious loss of "face" before the Japanese, according to Australian soldiers who arrived here from Japan today in the transport "Westerland" (6,100 tons).

The Japanese respect the Australian soldiers in Japan, Private Paul G. Hobart, Tasmania, said.

"They are very nice people without being too arrogant," he said. "They are very good people, and they are very good to us."

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Private G. H. Smith, Tasmania, said.

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Submarine, Stockings Sea-Boot
Long, Suits Comb Flying Deck,
Vests Winter and Summer, Com-
forters, Duffel Coats, Jerkin
Sheepskin, Drawers Winter
Woollen, Gloves F/lined, Helmets
Balclava, Mitts Blue
Woollen, Stockings Sea-Boot
Short Stockings Sea-Boot Gift,
Helmets Sheepskin and Anti-
Flash, Bag Kit, Bed, Marked,
Canvas Combination Suits, Caps
B. C. Seaman's, Caps B. C.
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C. Peak Lt/Wt, Caps Cooks O.
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Blue Jean, Covers Cap Mar.,
Clews and Lanyards, Lashings,
Nettles, Blue Overall Jackets,
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Blue Overall Trouser Bib and
Brace, Blue Overall Combination
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and Trousers, Brown Overall
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Trousers Drill and Gloves Blue

The Register of Shares of
the Company will be closed
from the 5th day of March to
15th March, 1948 (both days
inclusive) during which period
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By Order of the
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D. S. YUAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 4th March, 1948.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that
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Meeting of the Members of this
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Wednesday, the 17th day of March,
1948, at Noon, to receive the Report
of the Board of Directors and
Statement of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1947, to appoint
Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 4th
March, 1948, to the 17th March,
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By Order of the
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C. E. TERRY,
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March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the
purposes of receiving and
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and the Profit and Loss Account
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ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer
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W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

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Building, Hong Kong, on Tues-
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considering the reports of the
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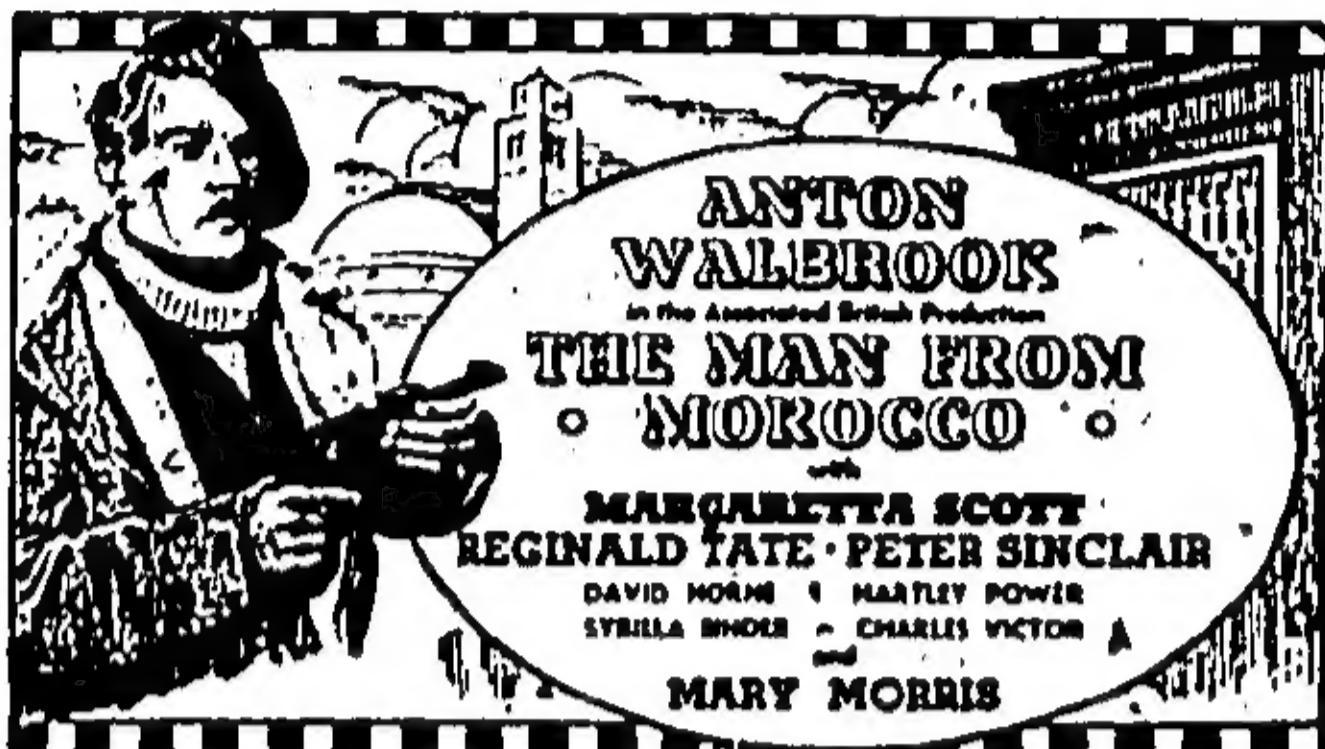
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THE 16-NATIONS CONFERENCE

"Inspectors" To Investigate The Use Of American Aid To Europe

Periodic Reports To Washington

Paris, Mar. 13. The second 16-nation conference on Marshall aid for Europe, to be opened on Monday by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, will have one of its most important tasks the appointment of "inspectors" under a permanent body designed to cooperate in applying the recovery plan.

The task of the inspectors will be to investigate the use made of Marshall aid and report on this periodically to Washington. All the countries, except Iceland and Switzerland, will be represented at the opening sessions by their Foreign Ministers.

The first two or three days will be devoted to general declarations after which the conference experts will get down to working out:

1. The creation of a permanent body representing the 16 nations.

2. The drafting of a progress report showing what has been achieved since last July in the way of an effort at short-term and long-term self-help.

The work of the conference should, it is thought, in well informed circles in Paris proceed "smoothly and quickly."

A discussion about the consequences of the five-power 50-year treaty drawn up in Brussels by Britain, France, and the Benelux countries is not on the conference agenda, but will, it is thought, constitute an important and useful contribution to unifying Europe.

Political Storms

While the first 16-nation conference met under the economic threat of a growing dollar shortage, the second conference is meeting under the threat of international political storms, fore-shadowed by the events in Czechoslovakia, renewal of sporadic and apparently political-inspired strikes in France, and an intensified campaign for a Communist success in Italy at the general elections there in mid-April.

The conference may run into certain difficulties on the establishment of the permanent 16-nation body involving the choice and appointment of the inspectors. Certain countries may object to giving foreign inspectors the rights of investigation and control on their home territories.

The idea of having American officials overlooking the flow and use of American aid to Europe has, apparently, been definitely abandoned, as it would lend flavour to accusations that the United States wants to "police" Europe.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 13. Four hundred people waited all night outside the London Palladium to see Danny Kaye in his last performance tonight. By morning the queue had extended to 2,000.—Reuter

The meeting is not connected with the present events in Europe. It is understood, but the international situation has intensified Congress criticism of the failure so far of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff to produce a joint operational plan for the armed services.

Mr. Forrestal made it clear that he was not in favour of any cut-and-dried plan for American action if the United States became involved in war, and that he believed that any proposals worked out by the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff should be as flexible as possible.

The Key West conference is expected to remove differences among the heads of the fighting forces over the role which each would play in a selection plan and particularly that of the Marine Corps and naval aviation.

One of the chief difficulties is the conflict between the American Navy and Air Force about long range air operations.

Mr. Forrestal said last week: "Certain aspects of air power and infantry forces.—Reuter

SECRET CONFERENCES IN FLORIDA

Washington, Mar. 13. The United Joint Chiefs-of-Staff were conferring over the weekend with Mr. James Forrestal, Secretary of Defence, in strict secrecy at the remote naval base of Key West, Florida, 1,200 miles from Washington.

Meeting in the naval quarters known as "the little White House," through President Truman's holidays there, the military leaders of the United States will try to define the strategic role of the army, navy and air force in any future war.

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The Air Force claims that all long-range scouting and bombing should be its function and plans and funds allocated to the Navy should be turned over to it.

The Navy view is that the Air Force's primary task is to form a defensive umbrella over the United States and leave the Navy in the earlier stage of any future conflict to carry the war to the enemy by carrier-based bombers operating offshore.

The difference of view extends into the political field.

President Truman has repeatedly asked Congress to authorise universal military training and thus to provide a large reserve for the Army and Navy.

Senator Taft has urged that the United States should rely rather on an overwhelming air power with relatively small naval and infantry forces.—Reuter

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IRON CURTAIN?

Is the United States operating an Iron Curtain of its own in barring visitors whose political opinions it disapproves? This is the effect of a 1918 law refusing visas to anarchists and other aliens advocating the overthrow of government by force. Exceptions are practically mandatory for those with diplomatic status and discretionary for individual cases approved by the Attorney General.

But Washington recently has refused visas to certain French labour leaders, a Brazilian architect, and a journalism dean from Venezuela, all on grounds that they were Communists.

In behalf of civil liberties and against an American form of "thought control," requests for the Attorney General to liberalize his discretion are admirable as far as they go. But he must always act under the fear that a row will be made in Congress.

More basic would be a move to amend the law so that such aliens can be admitted for limited periods. We do not believe American democracy is such a tender growth that it cannot tolerate brief contacts with dissident doctrines.

Under present policy the United States is losing an opportunity to prove its strength and perhaps to shake contrary political beliefs of visitors.

Opus Pocus

The other day the view was expressed that President Truman would not care to offend the Chopin vote. Now we feel sure he would not. The Chopin vote is even more articulate than we supposed.

For the politically unscrupulous let us define this vote as made up of people who like—and, moreover, know something about—Chopin's music. Already we are hearing from these people, and if the President was quoted correctly in the press, he will review his resources, he will count his weapons and, fortify his house.

Such is the line of conduct that His Majesty's Government should now pursue.

The Communist dictatorships are bound together by chains of iron. The free democracies are floating about as independently of one another as falling leaves in an autumn storm.

The first thing that must be done is to bring those nations together in an organisation that shall prove effective either for peace or war.

Action for Defence

Existing good will and mutual understanding should be crystallised in signed treaties of alliance. Where such treaties are already concluded they should be followed up by the development of closer union.

The policy should be pursued simultaneously in the two spheres of economics and defence.

And if these two spheres seem not to be in harmony with each other, it is to defend that priority must always be given, for the simple and sufficient reason that wealth is of less importance than life.

There are now in being armed forces occupying territory which stretches from the shores of the Pacific to the ill-defined frontiers of Austria and Germany, all of which will march at the command of one supreme generalissimo.

Neither Alexander nor Caesar, neither Genghis Khan nor Adolf Hitler, ever stretched an arm over so vast a dominion.

But the size of that huge army is less alarming than the fact that it moves at the bidding of one centralised command.

In the recent war we fought against dictators, but, fortunately for us, there were two of them, and they were not always in complete agreement.

One dictator is more dangerous than two.

The free peoples, who should now enter into alliance with one another, must therefore, having done so, lose no time in surmounting the disadvantages inseparable from the fact that they are both ruled and dominated by one centralised command.

China Mail, Monday, March 18, 1946

Announcing today that the Rumanian Government had decided to appoint a State director of the mainly British-owned Astra-Romania Oil Company, the Government accused the directors of "abuse" and said they had kept production down.

Astra-Romania—a subsidiary of the Royal Dutch Shell group—is the most important oil company in the country and produces about 36 per cent of the country's total oil. Reuter.

GERMANS FOR
BRITAIN

Vienna, Mar. 18.

Mr. Neil Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour, announced in Vienna today that in agreement with the British Government, German workers will be permitted to return to their former homes in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia and Greece.

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Stalin On The March There Is No Such Thing As "International Law"

By Sir Duff Cooper

the free countries will not forget them, and will help them to recover their freedom in the fulness of time.

In Austria there are today armed forces of Great Britain, France, the United States, and Russia. These four Powers have been seeking to conclude a treaty which will enable them to withdraw their forces.

Lately, Russia, who had previously been delaying progress, has shown herself more accommodating. Let us beware. If the troops are withdrawn, what is to save Austria from the fate of Czechoslovakia? Instead of withdrawing our garrisons we should increase them.

If we decide not to evacuate it is useless to continue negotiations for the final peace. A definite rupture would, at the moment, afford further and striking proof that we are in earnest and that our reactions are not to be confined to an empty protest addressed to, and hurling, nobody. Deeds are more convincing than words.

Action for Victims

Finland, Austria, and Italy are likely to be the first victims. Greece and Turkey are also threatened.

Demands have already been made of Finland in tones that we once knew only too well, and that we thought had been silenced for ever.

Nobody can believe that the Finns want to become vassals of Communist Russia. They were long vassals of Imperial Russia—gentler, if less efficient, master.

They, like the Czechs, have enjoyed their freedom and have fought for it.

They must not be abandoned, nor must they be encouraged to enter on a hopeless struggle in which they can rely upon no external assistance.

It may be that this is the spot where we should call a halt, and that this is the moment when we should face an issue.

Action for Forces

This is a question of high strategy and of high policy on which those who are not in possession of full information should hesitate to offer advice.

But one thing is certain: Whether the Finns yield temporarily or resist, they should be assured that their friends in

Warfare In Palestine

Jerusalem, Mar. 13.

Fifteen Arabs were killed and 20 wounded shortly afternoon today when 60 Jews sprang a surprise attack on the north Palestine village of Al Hussaini.

The invaders blew up several houses in the lightning attack.

Casualties of the Jewish force are not known.

Police arriving on the scene a short time after the attack discovered sacks full of grenades and other explosives which the attackers apparently had not had time to use.

Meanwhile, an Arab guarding the gate of Jerusalem's Old City was killed by a hand grenade. Two children were wounded by the explosion.—United Press.

That is because the press reported that he asked Jose Iturbi to play a Chopin waltz in A-flat, Opus 62. The President had to sing it before Iturbi knew which one was being requested. So the question arises, was Mr. Iturbi or Mr. Truman or the press weak on opus numbers?

Anyway, letter writers to this newspaper point out there is no Waltz in A-flat under said opus, but there are five waltzes in A-flat. So, they demand, which one was it that the President sang?

We have already stuck out what we thought was our musical neck by accepting Opus 62 as definitive. But at the risk of having it (not the opus) twisted again, we shall hew to the line that the waltz. Mr. Truman Then let the opus numbers fall wanted was the one whose chief theme goes ta-ta, ta-ta, ta-ta ta-ta, ta-ta, ta-ta, ta-ta, ta-ta, where they may. —"Christian Science Monitor."

OIL DIRECTORS
ACCUSED

Bucharest, Mar. 12.

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MOSCOW BLAST AT WESTERN ALLIANCE

Moscow, Mar. 12. "Izvestia" says the Brussels five nation conference will "secure the United States unobstructed interference in the internal political life of Western European peoples."

The Soviet Government newspaper's "Observer" entitled his discussion of the conference, "Brussels Plot Against Peace in Europe."

He pictured the meeting as a further development of the policy described in a March 6 Soviet note to the United States, France and Britain—"transformation of Western Germany into a military base for aggression against the USSR."

He said various Western journalists claims that the conference only represented "consultation" were false and disingenuous.

(Dispatches) to the United States from Brussels have spoken of the meeting as aimed at the formation of a Western European union to block Communism.

The "Observer" said Brussels obviously represented an attempt to drum up a Western union which would be a constituent part of the Marshall Plan directed against the Soviet Union.

He said the meeting took up "internal" aggression as well as "external" aggression. He held this could be interpreted as license for unlimited interference in the internal politics of individual nations.

In conclusion, he stated that "the plans of American expansionists and their sycophantic European agents" rest on sand.

"They don't take into consideration," he said, "the interests of European peoples themselves."—Associated Press.

Ankara, Mar. 18. Official circles in Ankara today denied reports that Turkey had been asked to enter into a defense agreement with Bulgaria similar to the signed, but still secret, pact between Turkey and Greece.

Official sources said Ankara had no objection to the signing of such an agreement, but that the conditions to be delivered

European Union Response

Over 150 M.P.s. To Support All-Party Demand: A Lead For Mr. Bevin This Week In Westminster

(By Fraser Wighton, Reuters Political Correspondent).

More than 150 Members of Parliament by reporting yesterday's all-party demand for a full European union, leading signatories predicted tonight.

They point out that the original 73 signatures to the resolution were obtained within 24 hours and on the most dead day of the parliamentary week—Friday—when only a proportion of members attend.

It is felt that if something like a quarter of the whole House of Commons membership, representative of all the principal parties, is behind the resolution, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will have all the stimulation necessary for a bold lead on a western union of the Marshall plan nations conference at Paris on Monday.

The sudden accord reached between Labour rankers and Conservative rankers appears to have been an agreeable surprise to both sides.

Although on the face of it the movement has nothing to do with The Hague United Europe conference in May, it has given hope in some quarters that the Labour Party officially may reconsider its Hague boycott.

This was imposed largely because many of the Party think that a movement of which Mr. Winston Churchill is the leader will not obtain the support of all progressive elements in Europe.

A group of international conferences, all linked with the subject of a European union, will take place in London in the next fortnight. That which is likely finally to endorse or modify the Labour Party attitude is the International Socialist Conference on March 21, which the Socialist organisations of the Marshall countries are attending.

An appendix to the amendment will prevent the deputy Opposition leader, Mr. Anthony Eden, from leading an attack on the Government's proposal to abolish university constituencies when the Representation of the People Bill is debated in the committee stage on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Omnibus Bill

This omnibus bill, dealing with numerous electoral issues, has provoked over 200 amendments, 21 of which are signed by Mr. Winston Churchill.

The Government, to end plural voting, has decided to end both

university and business votes. Hitherto, a citizen could exercise both a private vote and a university vote, or a private vote and a business vote.

The Conservatives are arguing for the retention of plural voting but for the freedom of choice as to which vote an elector should exercise.

"Ginger Group"

Eighty-seven members of Parliament, led by Mr. Geoffrey King of the Labour rankers ("Gin"), are protesting that an anti-partition meeting in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, which was to have been addressed by two British M.P.s, Mr. A. J. Mulvey and Mr. Hugh Doherty, has been banned.

They hold this to be a challenge to the freedom of speech. They propose an amendment to the Electoral Reform Bill that if it thinks that "free elections" are impossible in Northern Ireland, it should refuse to issue writs authorising the return of Northern Ireland members to the United Kingdom Parliament.

The Government is likely to discourage strongly any attempted interference with the functions of a Northern Ireland minister. It is doubtful whether the Speaker of the House of Commons will consider it his duty to call the amendment.

Reuter.

London, Mar. 13. next week will be supported for a full European

B.D.S.T.

London, Mar. 14. Britain went onto Daylight Saving Time today. Clocks were advanced one hour. Daylight Saving will end on October 31.—Associated Press.

Bovril To Close Down A Factory

London, Mar. 13. Lord Luke, chairman of Bovril, warned stockholders today that one result of the Anglo-Argentine agreement has been

a drastic curtailment in shipments of meat extracts which may force the closing down of one factory.

He said the company has sufficient stocks in this country to continue production for some months, but unless additional raw material is obtainable "it may be necessary to reduce the output very substantially and then close one of the factories."—United Press.

Auckland, Mar. 13.

A Maori girl, Miraka Ruruhi, who was "Miss Auckland" was one of the finalists in the "Miss New Zealand" contest, has been offered a Fellowship and \$1,500 by the Pacific Fellowship Council of American Association of University for women to take a year's course in social science at Honolulu.—Associated Press.

CONSCRIPTION IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 13. The conscription of 6,000 youths between the ages of 20 and 25 is scheduled to begin on April 1st and the authorities announce that those who try to evade the draft will be sent directly to front lines as punishment.

The threat was said to be necessary because of the rumours that many eligible conscripts are leaving the town until the heat of the army draft is over. Those draftees who fail to report when summoned will be arrested and forced to undergo military training.

To acquaint the public with the aims of conscription a programme of mass meetings is being held.—United Press.

The Duty Of An Editor

New York, Mar. 13. Warren E. Austin, chief United States delegate to the United Nations, reaffirmed today his delegation's stand for a peaceful settlement in Palestine.

It was the third time this week Austin or his delegation had officially emphasized that the U.S. is seeking a peaceful way to carry out the plan of the United Nations Assembly for the partition of Palestine.

Austin referred to Palestine in a speech prepared for delivery before young journalists from all parts of the United States attending the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

On the two previous occasions, U.S. delegation spokesman declared America has not changed her stand for partition but is seeking a peaceful way for carrying it out.

Duties Of Editors

The U.S. delegate told the young journalists that an editor or reporter has a sacred obligation not to circulate distorted information, half truths, or wild guesses as news.

He said these are tense times and that making headlines carelessly can jeopardise hopes of building a peaceful future.—Associated Press.

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London, Mar. 13. is determined that a

Communist coup d'etat shall not happen here. So bitter has become the anti-Communist campaign led by Party and government officials that newspapers, politicians and other observers are speculating that the next move may be a "purge" to clear Socialist ranks of "fellow travellers" and Communist apologists.

The campaign has taken on a new urgency with the fall of Czechoslovakia. It by no means indicates any surrender of Socialist Leftist lines, but it makes it increasingly clear Communism and Socialism cannot live together in Britain.

The coup in Prague was, perhaps, the severest shock the Communists have given the Labour Government. Many British Labour leaders regarded Czechoslovakia as a progressive model of Socialist Democracy.

Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison emphasised the increased campaign against Communism tonight in a prepared speech warning the British people they are facing "the same sort of nightmare of aggression we thought we had banished by disposing of Hitler."

Addressing a meeting of the British Jewellers' Association at Birmingham, he said:

"If we demonstrate a working model of a healthy Democracy based on a healthy economic, social and political system, the overwhelming majority of mankind will do their utmost to imitate us and to follow our lead."

Then, pointedly, in a tribute to Czechoslovakia's late Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, Morrison added:

"His death strike away forever the pretense that what is going on in Czechoslovakia is anything other than the trampling underfoot of Democracy."—Associated Press.

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SHANGHAI SHOWERED WITH OPIUM FROM CHINA
Ingenious Methods Of Smugglers

China's three largest opium producing areas are still showering finished products in Shanghai where the drug is sold for its weight in gold. In this cosmopolitan city itself, a big international smuggling ring is believed to be operating for the United States and other markets. "Showering" is the right word for the cargo, since the bulk of the narcotics come in by plane.

Despite the vigorous Government campaign against poppy growing—the offence is punishable by death—opium is still grown and prepared in remote regions where the Government's authority fails to reach thoroughly.

The three major producing areas are an area in Western Yunnan; parts of Jehol province; and West China, including western sections of Szechuan and the province of Sikang, partly ruled by Lolo tribesmen.

In addition, Government sources accuse the Chinese Communists of growing poppy crops in Red-held regions as one of the major sources of revenue. The sources said that the Communists smuggle the bulk of opium output into Nationalist areas to raise cash with which to purchase gold and United States currency in buying war supplies.

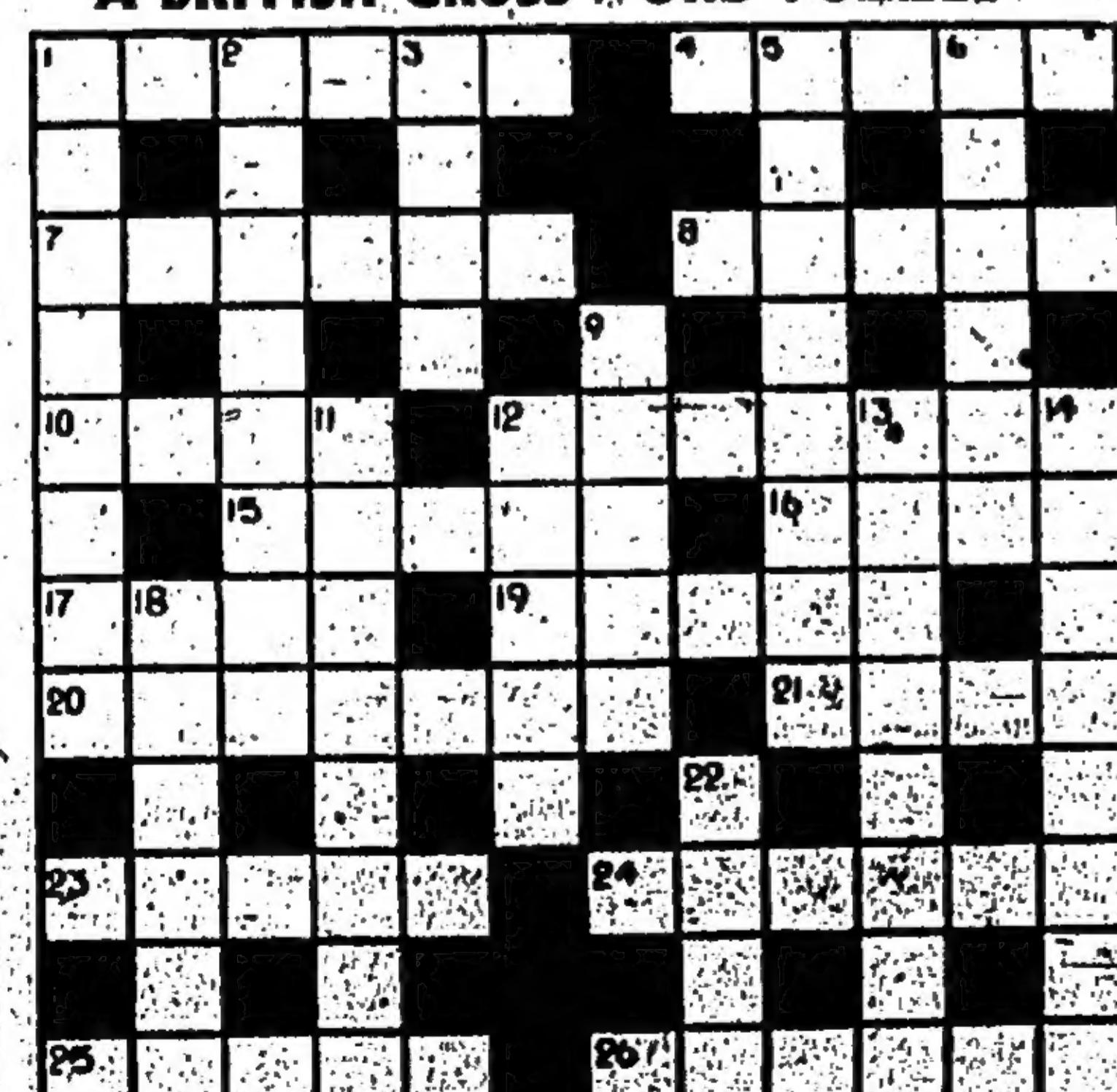
The Central Government in Nanking and provincial authorities were known to have made repeated efforts to wipe out poppy fields but most of such attempts were blocked by local tribal or underworld influences.

A police force in one Yunnan county which was sent to the outskirts to uproot all poppy crops, "was virtually wiped out" by armed gangs protecting the fields. Similar incidents were reported in other areas.

Searches

Failing thoroughly to prohibit crop growing, opium suppression agencies, in conjunction with the local police, are tightening up smuggling channels. Airliners leaving West and North China fields are vigilantly watched and in Kunming searches are so thorough that even canned food is opened on suspicion that the tins contain other than what the labels say. Police women often order women travellers into toilets for body searches. Nevertheless, opium is still arriving in Shanghai for local consumption and international and domestic distribution.

During the past two years, hundreds of pounds were seized but unknown quantities reached distributors. Several cases in which airline employees were involved had been discovered. In one case, opium was found hidden in the fuselage and a mechanic was caught retrieving the drug shortly after the plane landed and passengers had disembarked.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE**Clues Across**

- 1 Conundrum 19 Artists
- 4 Ward off. 20 Diminished
- 7 Ripe. 21 Consider
- 8 Supply. 22 Join
- 10 Domestic. 23 Hurry
- 12 Hale. 24 Dodge
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- 5 Summon to. 15 Parts.
- 6 Return. 16 Care.
- 7 Wide. 17 Incubation.
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Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Gothenborg/Oslo
on or about 6th April

"GAASTERKERK" Europe, Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Suez,
on or about Port Said, Alexandria
2nd April Genoa/Marseille/Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen,
Gothenborg, Oslo early May.

"ALPHIACCA" Europe, Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/Suez/
early May Port Said/Alexandria
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ARRIVALS

| From | Date | Vessel |
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| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | 10th March | m.v. "DONA ANICETA" |
| Pacific Coast | 8th April | m.v. "MINDORO" |
| | Early April | m.v. "ANDAMAN" |

SAILINGS

| To | Date | Vessel |
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| Manila | 20th March | m.v. "ESCALANTE" |
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | 25th March | m.v. "DONA ANICETA" |
| Pacific Coast | Early April | m.v. "TAMARA" |
| | Early April | m.v. "ANDAMAN" |

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BRITAIN HOPES TO EXPORT
MORE CLOTHINGEntire
Village
Kidnapped

Athens, Mar. 13. Press reports today said 50 guerrillas kidnapped the entire population of the small village of Yerma, in the Corinth district, Greek Army troops entering a few hours later found tables set for un eaten meals in many homes.

The guerrillas were retreating after a looting expedition into the Kalavri area when they raided the village and made off with the population.

Other newspaper accounts said 150 guerrillas were repelled last night when they attacked Itca, on the Corinth Gulf.

Kastoria dispatches said troops pushed 200 guerrillas back into the Mouriko mountains after a sharp skirmish near the village of Yerma. It was reported the guerrillas were on their way to the village to take a census of children in connection with their plan to transfer them to the northern countries. The guerrillas reportedly suffered heavy losses.

Two guerrillas were executed at Kastoria today.

In Athens, the police arrested 13 alleged Communists, including Manolis Glezos, former editor of the Communist newspaper "Rizospastis." They were nabbed while sailing in a small boat near Athens.

The police released George Karantzas, editor of a Socialist weekly, and John Ellipissis, director of a printing plant, for lack of evidence.—United Press.

Revolt In
Costa Rica

San Jose, Mar. 13. The Rightwing revolt in Southern Costa Rica spread to the important interior town of San Ramon, where the rebels killed one Loyalist soldier, wounded several others and captured at least two, government sources announced today.

Five government soldiers were reported to have been wounded yesterday in the opening skirmish of the revolt. There was no report on the rebel casualties.

Heavy government reinforcements were rushed to San Ramon and the villages of Villa Mills and San Isidro Del General, where supporters rejected the Conservative President, Otilio Ulate, and began a rebellion yesterday.

San Jose was quiet but tense as the government took full control. Barricades were manned by heavily-armed troops and highways leading out of the city were closed.

Opposition newspapers and radio stations were shut down.

Ulate opposed the former President Rafael Calderon Guardia in elections and the electoral tribunal found that he won, proclaiming him President; the government majority of the Congress declared the election void.—United Press.

Colonels
Gave Him
Carbines

Rangoon, Mar. 13. U Saw, the former Premier now under sentence of death for his share in the Burmese Cabinet assassinations last July, told a Burmese Court trying Major C. H. Young, a former British Army officer, on charges of violating the Arms Act, that the Burmese Government should not "persecute people because they happen to be my friends".

U Saw emphatically denied buying three American-made carbines from Major Young. He said one carbine was presented to him by U Tin Tun, the present Burmese Foreign Minister, and the other two were given him by British colonels who had since left Burma.—Reuters.

Manchester, Mar. 13. Mr. Harold Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade, told a meeting of Lancashire cotton trade organisations today that Britain's export programme provided for a clothing and textile export rate of £39 million monthly by the end of 1948. This compared with £28 million monthly for machinery, £20 million for coal and £9 million for electrical goods and apparatus.

"Textiles and clothing are right at the very spearhead of the drive, both in totals and because they represent one industry where we can get a real increase in our exports to the hard currency areas, particularly to Canada," Mr. Wilson declared.

Mr. Wilson said that the cotton export target had been advanced from a monthly rate of £9,100,000 to £10,000,000 a month by the end of 1948.

Efforts were being made to break the bottleneck in the production of textile machinery and special attention was being paid to the removal of obstacles in production resulting from shortages of accessories vital to aircraft textile production by the Board of Trade. Mr. Wilson added.

20 Per Cent Increase

The present textile export envisaged a maximum monthly rate of £3,800,000 by the end of 1948, of which £1,350,000 would be for home users.

This was a 20 per cent increase over the immediate past.

The quantity for the home market, Mr. Wilson said, would be protected from any short fall in total production.—Reuters.

INDIAN TRADE AGREEMENT

New Delhi, Mar. 13. India will make available to Pakistan 12 bales of cloth and yarn against every 20 bales of cotton received, said the Industry and Supply Ministry in New Delhi today.

The communiqué explained that the details of the agreement reached between India and Pakistan became effective immediately for the period ending August 31.

Customs duties are leviable on both sides, said the communiqué.

The India Government has also agreed to make an ad hoc allotment of 25,000 bales of cloth against cotton already received from Pakistan, the communiqué added.—Associated Press.

London Money Market Weekly Review

London, Mar. 13. There was a pronounced shortage of credit at the commencement of the week, brought about by a substantial stream of funds into the Exchequer, arising from payment for Treasury deposit receipts.

Rise In
Grain Prices

Chicago, Mar. 13. The Government's re-entry into the wheat market was believed responsible today for a substantial rise in all grain prices.

Wheat jumped from 4½ quarters to 6¾ cents a bushel over yesterday's closing. Soybeans went up the legal limit of 7½ cents a bushel; and corn followed with a 7¾ cents increase.

The action followed an announcement that the Government would begin buying about 1,000,000 bushels of wheat a day for export.

The Production Marketing Administration told grain traders that purchases would be suspended immediately if its experts believed the Government's ban on wheat a day for export.

Action on the New York Stock Exchange was light but prices closed higher. The favourable trend was laid to the Senate's favourable action on the European Recovery Programme.—United Press.

Lewis At
It Again

Washington, Mar. 13. John L. Lewis today advised what amounted to a strike notice on the soft coal industry with a public demand that mine operators agree immediately to a pension plan for his miners.

Lewis announced that instructions had been sent to all United Miners Workers locals to start immediate discussions on what he called the soft coal industry's refusal for eight months to consider his pension plan. He said today:

"Winter has now gone. This office proposes to go forward in requiring coal operators to honour their agreement. Your cars will be soon recalled by their footicles, and walls of enough!"

He then showed a copy of the coal wage agreement that he signed with the industry last fall and which expires on June 30. He read from the contract that the miners covered should provide their labour whenever they were "able and willing to work."

Reporters asked if that meant miners might find themselves unwilling to work after they received his letter.

"Who knows?" replied the UMW chief.—United Press.

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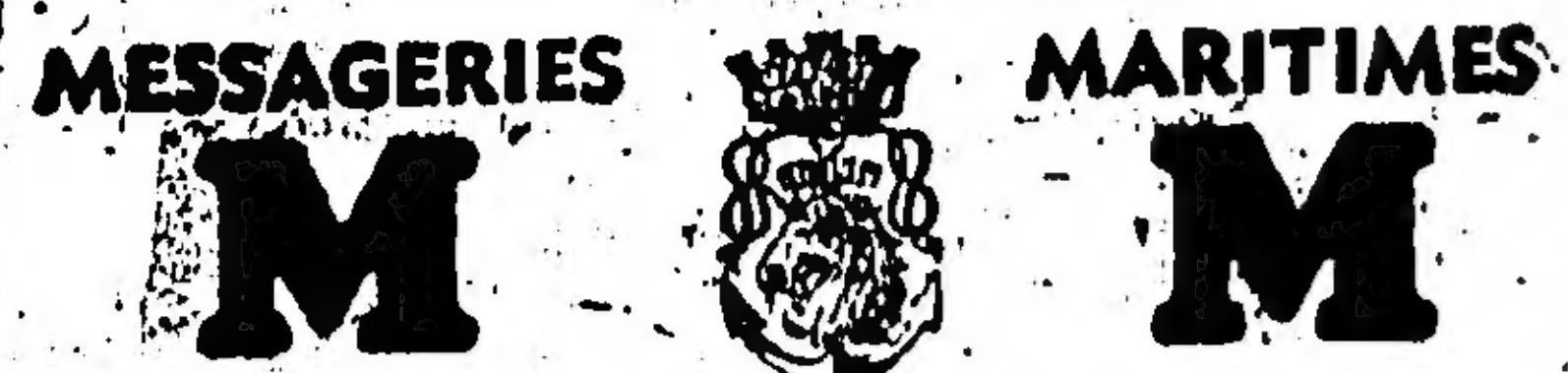
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Mar. 17, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Mar. 19, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Mar. 20, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon.

Daily, CNAC, 10.45 a.m.

Mar. 17, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

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Mar. 19, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

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Mar. 15, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Mar. 17, Philippine Airlines, 1 p.m.

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Mar. 18, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Singapore

Mar. 15, BOAC (Capt. McGregor), 4 p.m.

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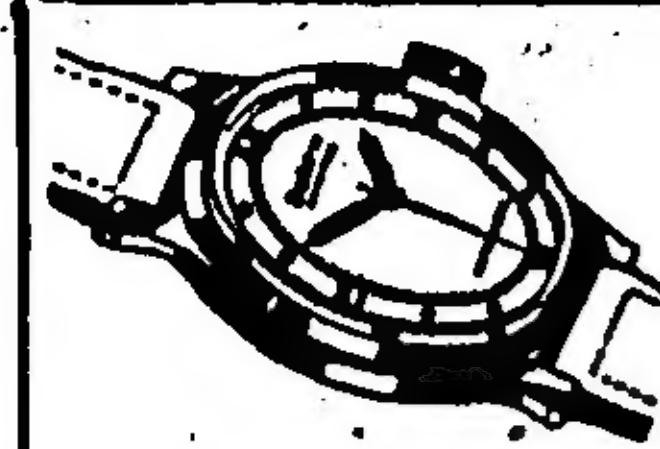
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CRICKET

Cambridge Snatch A Win

High scoring featured the Inter-University cricket game on the Club ground yesterday when Cambridge beat Oxford by one wicket from the last ball of the match.

Oxford scored 232 for eight declared. Stapleton was top scorer with 75 which included 12 boundaries and Goodhams contributed a useful 50. McLellan took five wickets for 71 runs.

Cambridge did not start very well and lost their first four wickets for only 47 runs. Barrow scored 20 not out for the best score of the afternoon.

OXFORD

C.J. Stapleton, c Cowperthwaite, b Barrow 75
I.T. Ride, c and b McLellan 30
G. Rowe b/w, b McLellan 30
K. Skinner, c Hughes, b Cowperthwaite 26
G.A. Goodham, c Burford, b Barrow 13
H. Lee b/w, b McLellan 13
I. Tamworth, c McLellan 13
D. Smith, not out 23
B.C.K. Hawkins, b McLellan 43
Extras 1

Total (for 8 wks.) 232
BOWLING O. M. R. W.
McLellan 26 4 71 0
Franklin 10 0 39 0
Barrow 7 0 31 0
Morrison 3 2 17 0
Cowperthwaite 10 2 38 1
Burford 3 0 11 0

Fall of wickets—1 for 5, 2 for 73, 3 for 113, 4 for 164, 5 for 200, 6 for 206, 7 for 224, and 8 for 232.

CAMBRIDGE R.W. Franklin, b Skinner 18
D.S. Middlelitch, run out 18
J. Gauntlet, b Smith 18
A. Royes b/w, b Rowe 18
J. Barrow, not out 18
D. McLellan, c and b Rowe 26
R.H. Hughes, b Skinner 44
C.G.M. Morrison, c Stapleton, b Skinner 6
J.F. Burford, c and b Rowe 6
E.J.M. Churn, run out 11
J.J. Cowperthwaite, not out 14
Extras 17

Total (for 8 wks.) 236
BOWLING O. M. R. W.
P. Smith 12 2 34 0
Skinner 13 1 65 0
Rowe 10 0 41 0
Goodham 5 0 23 0
Lee 4 1 8 0
Ride 4 0 29 0
Himsworth 2 0 7 0
Fall of wickets—1 for 8, 2 for 34, 3 for 57, 4 for 47, 5 for 87, 6 for 174, 7 for 189, 8 for 190, 9 for 210.

Navy Win

At King's Park yesterday Royal Navy beat Craigmawer Cricket Club by 24 runs in a low scoring game.

White with 7 wickets for 29 and Matthews 3 for 8 runs shared the Craigmawer wicket.

ROYAL NAVY

Cole, b Billimoria 45
White, c Imanee, b Billimoria 9
Norris, b Omar 4
Sainty, c Baker, b Hong Choy 18
Mirehouse, b Imanee 19
Fluck, c Hong Choy, b Billimoria 10
Steadman, not out 12
Extras 6

Total (for 7 wks.) 127
Rovensnow, Matthews and Tollday did not bat.

BOWLING O. M. R. W.
Billimoria 16 4 53 3
Omar 9 0 49 4
Imane 3 3 15 1
Hong Choy 3 0 10 0
Lim 1 0 8 0
Chowla 4 0 6 0

CRAIGMOWER

A.H. Imanee, b White 0
W. Honggill, b White 9
A. Omar, c Rovensnow, b White 4
I.M. Omar, b White 4
G. Hong Choy, c Cole, b Matthews 17
H.P. Lim, c Fluck, b Matthews 13
R. Baker, b Matthews 3
R. Imanee, b White 1
F. Billimoria, b White 1
B. Chowla, b White 0
A. Other, not out 0
Extras 6

Total (for 7 wks.) 131
Rovensnow, Matthews and Tollday did not bat.

BOWLING O. M. R. W.
Billimoria 10 3 29 7
Tollday 6 2 10 0
Matthews 4 1 8 0

GOLF TOURNEY

Jacksonville, Fla., Mar. 13.

Skip Alexander, of Southern Pines, N.C., held a slim one-stroke lead at the close of second round play in the \$10,000 Jacksonville Open Golf Tournament yesterday. He carded a 71 for the second round, going with his first round 67 for a total of 138 strokes.

Steve Davis, of Schenectady, N.Y., secured 84 in the second round for second place with a total of 139.

Clark Hartnett of Detroit was third with 140, followed by Fred

Ireland's Victory Over Wales

Belfast, Mar. 13. Ireland won the triple crown victories over the other home countries for the first time since 1899, when they beat Wales by six points to three today.

They had previously assured themselves of the entire international championship, which includes matches with France, when they beat Scotland two weeks ago.

Ireland were perhaps fortunate to be level at three points each at half-time, but after the interval, they were definitely superior and should have won by a wider margin.

The forwards scrum-magged better but Stratford's passing out was erratic. Even so, Ireland had more of the game although there was a lack of punch behind the scrum, where only Kyle shone.

The Welsh pack were more fiery in the first half and the game as a whole was more dangerous. Wales

during that time made excellent

use of the ball and easily got the ball away from the Irish scrum and the line against the Welsh maul.

Barney Mulligan, who had been the best player of the first half, was

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